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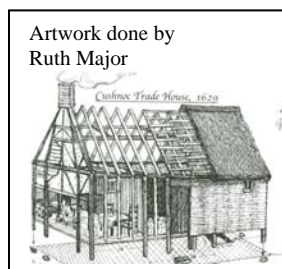
Old Fort Western



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Cushnoc Trading Post



A huge THANK YOU to Ruth Major for donating \$2000 to this project's beginning phases. Steve Weston has done some fabulous drawings to show

the 17th-century reconstruction of the Cushnoc Trading Post. Originally built in 1628, it serves to cement our early community history. As reported in the last *Dispatch*, we are still working through the preliminary plans for this reconstruction. We did find out through careful wood sample testing on pieces of wood and charcoal found on the site in the last archaeological dig, that some of these pieces were Eastern White Pine and Oak. The next phase of this project involves the actual building code logistics and how we can make this project work with the current building codes in place.

We are also working closely with Plimoth Plantation and teaming up with them to try to make this a joint venture with the actual reconstruction taking the form of a true historical re-enactment. Can you imagine seeing the Pilgrim shallop on the Kennebec horizon loaded with supplies and building materials?

NEW!!! Old Fort Western's Website!

If you have tried to visit our webpage at www.oldfortwestern.org, you will have noticed that it is under construction. We have just placed the finishing touches on the new site and it should be up and running very soon! It is much easier to navigate and brings Old Fort Western once again in today's technological age. Please let us know what you think of it!

Part two of this technological endeavor includes the use of our Facebook page. At one time, we had over 300 fans but then something happened to the page and we lost everyone! We have redesigned the page better than ever and encourage you all to please find us and become a fan. You can stay connected to Old Fort Western's events and be at the ready to receive any updates.

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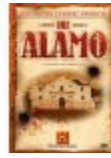


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And if that isn't enough of a teaser, how about that great historical getaway to San Antonio? Relax Texas style when you settle into your Riverwalk hotel on this 5-day San Antonio getaway. Discover the flavors of true Tex-Mex cuisine during your private cooking class. Visit the legendary Alamo. Learn about the cultural history of the Lone Star State at the Institute of Texan Cultures. Be swept up in the romance of the Old West at a dude ranch in Bandera. Visit charming Fredericksburg nestled in the hill country and rich with German heritage. Cruise along the Paseo del Rio. **This tour takes place October 18-22, 2010.**



If you would like to know more about these two tours, then please join us on Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at City Center. Christian Leibl-Cote from Collette Vacations will be on hand to talk about these two delightful adventures and as an added treat, we will show an hour-long documentary on The Alamo from the History Channel's point of view. Refreshments will be served.

Summer Apprentice Program



Thanks in part to continuing support from Kennebec Savings Bank, we are pleased to announce that Darling's Auto and the Augusta Kiwanis Club will also be prime sponsors of this very popular history day camp. The Apprentice Program for children between the ages of eight and twelve will take place again this summer in week-long morning sessions beginning Monday, July 5 and ending August 20. The program fee is \$35 per week (\$27.50 for Members and Friends of Old Fort Western, \$30 for Augusta Residents). Information and registration forms are available on the website or by calling us at 626-2385.

But That's Not All...

Old Fort Western and The Viles Arboretum are teaming up this summer to provide two one-week afternoon camp experiences for children ages eight to twelve. What better way to engage a child than to focus on their senses not only in the 18th century way but to have them experience the sights, sounds, and touches of natural history! Thanks to Jay Adams and Toni Pied for making this happen!

Kennebec Celebration Comes to Augusta Saturday, June 12, 2010 from 11-5PM



Alewives, blueback herring and American shad are three of the ten species of native migratory fish that once populated the Kennebec River in huge numbers. Every springtime, these three kinds of “river herring” return from the ocean to freshwater to spawn in the Kennebec River watershed. This migration is known as the Spring Running.

This resurgence of life in, on and along the Kennebec brought the many groups, agencies and individuals in the Capital area together to sponsor and host the first “*SPRING RUNNING*” Festival which was held in May of 2006. Augusta City Officials, business owners, scientists, historians, farmers, anglers and environmentalists all joined together to celebrate the return of river herring to the Kennebec River; the restoration of a missing piece of our river communities’ history and the potential that these fish represent for a rebuilt river and aquatic ecosystem.

In 2010, the festival planning committee decided to rename the festival “*KENNEBEC CELEBRATION*”. Admission is free and you will find crafters and artisans, educational demonstrations, live music, great foods, and OFW interpretational historical demonstrations including another great visit from Ron Raiselis of Strawberry Banke to do his 18th century brand of barrel making.

Fort to Fort Canoe and Kayak Expedition on June 12

The Fort will conduct its annual Fort to Fort Canoe and Kayak Expedition as part of the Kennebec Celebration on June 12th. As usual, the put-in point will begin at Fort Halifax in Winslow at 8:00 a.m., but you may put-in

anywhere along the Kennebec River. We will again provide a free bus service to shuttle participants back to their vehicles to aid in their canoe or kayak pick-up.

Please call us at 626-2385 to sign up for this event. The reason we ask this is to make sure that you will be on the list for a river condition report that will come out early that morning in case conditions are hazardous on the river. If for some reason the river is not cooperating, we will also have cancellation notices on our Facebook page as well as the local television networks. So please give us a call and we’ll jot down your email for notification. Happy Paddling!

Breakfast at Applebees



We hope you will be hungry on Saturday morning, June 19th! Please come to Applebees between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. to join in our fundraiser breakfast! For just \$5.00 you can have juice, coffee and pancakes! The proceeds of this fundraiser will help support some early evening events such as lectures, musical presentations, and demonstrations this summer on the Fort grounds. By ordering pancakes on June 19th, you can help make these ideas come to life! (And speaking of ideas, we always welcome yours. Tell us what you would like to learn about this summer). Please join us on Saturday, June 19th at Applebees, 114 Western Avenue in Augusta. If you would like to be a volunteer on this day, please give us a call or an email. We could certainly use as many hands as possible!

Thank You!

Jeanne Payson, Donna Porter, and Judy Sample have graciously volunteered to repair and remake many of our apprentice outfits. Thank you for taking the time and for showing your giving spirit to Old Fort Western!



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